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INFANT MORTALITY IN 1921.

INFANT MORTALITY RATES FOR CERTAIN CITIES IN THE BIRTH REGISTRATION AREA.

The Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of the Census, announces that provisional infant mortality rates in 51 cities, based on estimated births for 1921 and the weekly telegraphic reports of deaths to the Bureau of the Census indicate record low rates throughout the country in 1921.

For the group of 51 cities the infant mortality rate is 74 per 1,000 births as against a rate of 90 in 1920 for 44 cities. The lowest infant mortality rate, 47 per 1,000 births, appears for the cities of Portland, Oreg., St. Paul, Minn., and Seattle, Wash., and the highest rate, 111 per 1,000 births, for Fall River, Mass.

The greatest decrease since 1920 appears for Lowell, with a rate of 90 for 1921 against a rate of 135 for 1920.

No city shows a higher rate for 1921 than for 1920, though Albany and Salt Lake City maintain the same rates for the two years, 77 and 72, respectively.

Infant mortality rates for certain cities in the birth registration area, 1920 and 1921.

Area.	1921		1920		
	Deaths under 1 year of age.		Births.	Deaths under 1 year of age.	
	Number. ¹	Per 1,000 births. ²		Number.	Per 1,000 births.
Total ³	38,433	74	469,567	42,184	90
Akron, Ohio.....	336	68	5,395	452	84
Albany, N. Y.....	179	77	2,289	176	77
Baltimore, Md.....	1,598	87	18,520	1,961	106
Boston, Mass.....	1,483	76	19,536	1,966	101
Bridgeport, Conn.....	266	64	4,178	384	92
Buffalo, N. Y.....	1,212	92	13,321	1,371	103
Cambridge, Mass.....	192	67	2,856	274	96
Camden, N. J.....	294	86	(⁴)	(⁴)	(⁴)
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	602	77	7,815	644	82
Cleveland, Ohio.....	1,463	73	19,379	1,692	87
Columbus, Ohio.....	360	73	4,701	453	96

¹ Total deaths under 1 year reported for 52 weeks (taken from Weekly Health Index).

² Rates computed by using estimated deaths (based on deaths reported for 52 weeks) and estimated 1921 births.

³ Total is for cities for which figures are shown.

⁴ Not admitted to birth registration area until a later date.

Infant mortality rates for certain cities in the birth registration area, 1920 and 1921—Contd.

Area.	1921		1920		
	Deaths under 1 year of age.		Births.	Deaths under 1 year of age.	
	Num-ber.	Per 1,000 births.		Number.	Per 1,000 births.
Dayton, Ohio.....	237	77	3,245	275	85
Detroit, Mich.....	2,303	85	27,690	2,885	104
Fall River, Mass.....	413	111	3,537	458	129
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	231	74	3,128	310	99
Indianapolis, Ind.....	523	77	6,848	623	91
Jersey City, N. J.....	673	82	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Kansas City, Kans.....	172	76	2,256	243	108
Los Angeles, Calif.....	832	66	11,635	830	71
Louisville, Ky.....	335	70	4,730	409	86
Lowell, Mass.....	279	90	3,154	425	135
Milwaukee, Wis.....	870	82	10,525	990	94
Minneapolis, Minn.....	524	55	9,182	600	65
New Bedford, Mass.....	347	99	3,507	429	122
New Haven, Conn.....	252	59	4,229	368	87
New York, N. Y.....	9,528	71	132,823	11,319	85
Newark, N. J.....	836	71	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Norfolk, Va.....	241	82	2,862	285	100
Oakland, Calif.....	206	50	4,142	293	71
Omaha, Nebr.....	345	71	4,515	415	92
Paterson, N. J.....	249	74	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Philadelphia, Pa.....	3,346	76	43,642	3,956	91
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1,443	89	14,740	1,641	111
Portland, Oreg.....	250	47	5,202	310	60
Providence, R. I.....	547	83	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Richmond, Va.....	433	101	4,197	479	114
Rochester, N. Y.....	530	78	6,716	567	84
St. Paul, Minn.....	260	47	5,175	378	73
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	251	72	3,326	241	72
San Francisco, Calif.....	429	48	9,034	558	62
Seattle, Wash.....	291	47	6,166	349	57
Spokane, Wash.....	129	53	2,446	174	71
Springfield, Mass.....	238	68	3,419	290	85
Syracuse, N. Y.....	355	82	4,185	438	105
Toledo, Ohio.....	406	76	5,340	473	89
Trenton, N. J.....	268	79	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Washington, D. C.....	757	83	8,823	803	91
Wilmington, Del.....	231	87	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Worcester, Mass.....	370	77	4,809	410	85
Yonkers, N. Y.....	153	61	2,392	212	89
Youngstown, Ohio.....	365	93	3,935	375	95

¹ Not admitted to birth registration area until a later date.

THE CARE OF YOUR BABY.¹

Motherhood.

Each year nearly a quarter of a million babies die in the United States. Of these, a large number could have been saved.

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¹ EDITORIAL NOTE.—This series of 12 short articles on the care of the baby was originally prepared by the Public Health Service, under the title of "Your Baby," for publication in various newspapers throughout the country. Owing to the great popular demand for material of this character, and its value to young mothers, the series has been rewritten and rearranged and, after publication in Public Health Reports, will be reprinted in pamphlet form.